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GHOSTS
FRIDAY
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SATURDAY

Referendum Approves Deletion

The artist's conception of The Georgiantics Variety Revue.

Calypso, Jazz, Blues and Comedy Highlight Georgiantics Revue

By FRED GRICMAN

A bouncy three hour spectacle full of song, music, comedy, and dance was provided by the talented all student cast of the Georgiantics variety revue, last Friday night at Birks hall.

The fast moving show co-emceed by the hilarious team of Bob Vale and Ben Hannan, opened with a rousing rendition of "I've Got Rhythm" by the Jazz Society combo ,setting the mood for the lively revue.

Wally Henstridge and his jazz combo consisting of: Joe Sealy; piano, Jerry Taylor; drums, Ian Henstridge, bass, and Doug Wigg, guitar, were the stars of the show playing a fine selection of progressive jazz, swinging rock and roll numbers, and accompanying the featured soloists.

In the singing department vocalists: Linda Briskin, Morty Sacks, and Hank Bassior sang a variety of popular hit parade and western style numbers.

Linda Briskin introduced as a "blues singer" received warm applause from the audience for her superb rendition of "Lover Man", "Embraceable You" and "I Want to be Loved." Hit parade singer Morty Sacks displayed his vocal talents in a fine treatment of "Don't Forbid Me" and "Singing the Blues"; country music which included a yodelling number was handled well by "cowpoke" Hank Bassior, accompanied by Neil Flanz.

Comedian Keith Pearson, (who definitely threatens the supremacy of Bob Hope and Milton Berle), kept the audience in stitches with a hilarious monologue about the story of his life. His funny chatter full of rib tickling jokes was a delightful highlight of the show.

Throbbing calypso songs and music of the West Indies were featured by twenty five members of the West Indian Society. The colourfull garbed singers were applauded continuously for their gay and rhythmical presentation of "The Banana Boat Song", "Marianne", "Tell Me, Tell Me" and many other calypso numbers.

Magician James Camelford mystified the crowd with an intricate display of magical tricks. In his skilful hands a glass disappeared into the thin air, giant size handkerchiefs popped out of nowhere, and ends of rope were turned into a long string.

Georgiantics was co-produced by Jack Organ and Carole Hamill, with Malcolm Hughes acting as stage manager. Geoff. Merserau and Francia Faust assisted with lightning and makeup.

Gambling "?"

A written report given by Jim Rowland revealed that card games are taking place in both Common rooms but that there is no obvious exchange of money. It is suspected, however, by the SUS executive and the Common room chairman, that money is being transacted either outwardly or under the table.

Record Number Vote To Remove YMCA Label

By KEN SHINDLER,
Senior Staff Reporter

Students of the day college turned out in record numbers to decisively approve the deletion of the YMCA label from the college's diplomas and transcripts.

A record number of 640 ballots were cast in the referendum, of which 497 were in approval of the deletion, 141 were opposed, and two ballots were invalidated.

Jim Jones, referendum chairman, voiced pleasure over the unprecedented turnout. He pointed out that 71% of the student body voted, indicating the popularity of the issue.

The 78% affirmative vote shows the student body to be well in favour of the move. The referendum asked if "you would prefer having the words 'of the Young Mens Christian Association' deleted from the diplomas and official transcripts of the college".

Executive Consideration

Mort Bistrisky, president of the SUS, said the matter will now go before the executive for further action. ESA president Jack Poirier said a similar referendum is contemplated by the evening division.

The issue originally arose this year with a brief presented by the '57 Grad Class that urged the removel of the words "of the YMCA" from the college diplomas on the grounds that it tended to depreciate its value.

The referendum followed a general meeting held in Birks Hall on Tuesday, March 5th. The issue was discussed by Mort Constantine and Dimitrios Roussopoulos, who upheld the deletion, and Simon Najovits and Dennis McLelland who argued against it.

Constantine denied that the erasure of the YMCA name constitutes a break between the college and the "Y". He said the inclusion of the name serves only to confuse the issue inasmuch as it does not appear on the Commonwealth University Yearbook, the Statutes of Quebec or the college letterheads. If necessary, he said, let it read "founded 1929 by the YMCA".

Roussopoulos claimed that the college and the YMCA do not share the same ideals or programmes. He said the inclusion of the "Y" name on the diploma tends to classify it along with certificates for handicrafts, etc, granted by the YMCA.

Share Ideals and Purposes

McLelland and Najovits claimed that the YMCA and Sir George share the same ideals and purposes. Furthermore, the college owes its founding, existance, and support to the YMCA. It was through the YMCA Building and Maintenance Fund that we were able to have the new building, and the "Y" annually covers the college's deficit.

Bigger Changes Coming To SGWC

How them diplomas are gonna change!

That's the gist of predictions coming from highly placed, but unnamed, observers of the Sir George scene. Not only will "YMCA" be deleted, but soon, they say, "college" will be dropped in favour of 'university'.

You got it! Sir George Williams University.

But rapid change, some say, will lead to what's being called "a certain rootlessness". So unchecked will be the college's drift away from the Montreal "Y" and its fundamentalist Protestant roots, the institution might end up embracing certain Catholic traditions.

Predictions are that the education scene in Quebec will change radically — once the provincial government and the feds come to terms on college and university financing. French Canadian institutions will blossom in new and exciting ways.

A complicating factor will be the surge of new students once the post-war generation of babies comes of college age. Universities everywhere — SGWC included — will expand several times over, their campuses changing beyond recognition.

Sir George may join up with other smaller colleges and form a new university of some kind. Loyola, a Roman Catholic men's college, is one link experts hint at.

The Georgian has learned of other reports about a Sir George-Loyola link that staggers the imagination. There will be an inter-college helicopter transportation arrangement to speed students to classes from the downtown to the westend college, according to these sources. But some of the faculty downplay the idea, suggesting these rumours are fueled by excesses in the Stanley Tavern.

"Give 'em another hour in there," said one, "and we'll have a flying saucer service."

ESA Elections

Evening College To Polls Mar. 25-29

The coming Evening Students' elections are expected to spark new and vigorous activity in the evening division, inside observers have indicated. Mainly responsible for this view is belief that students finally have begun to feel more at home in the spacious new building, and that they have come to realize the many benefits and advantages to be derived from participation in extra-curricular activities.

Students in executive positions have opportunities to get valuable and practical experience. They organize programs, get to know one another well, make lifelong friends, prepare and present official reports, act as delegates, meet members of the faculty informally, conduct meetings according to parliamentary procedures, mediate when opinion deadlocks occur; all experiences that employers look well upon when they consider prospective employees.

It appears that many new faces will appear on the ESA executive next year, with the retiring of senior members: J. Poirier, G. Brink, I. Huss, B. Hamil, J. Bollen, Hyacinth Whittaker. Positions to be contested are, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Clubs, Social, Athletic, Publicity, Science, Commerce, Arts, Partial students; chairmen.

DUTIES

The primary duties of these posts include: Pres.-presides at meetings of the Executive, and coordinates the work of the Evening Students' Association; Vice-pres.-presides at meetings in the absence of the pres., organizes and supervises elections, chief administrative officer of the executive, and member of the Budget and Finance committee; Secretary-maintains a record of meetings and representatives of the ESA on the Students' Council; Treasurer-responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the ESA treasury, Chairman of the Budget and Finance committee and preparation of the ESA budget; Clubs chairman-responsible for co-ordinating activities of all the ESA clubs and ESA clubs representative; Athletic rep.-representative on and between the ESA and the Athletic board; Social chairman-responsible for organization of the social functions; Publicity rep.- responsible for all ESA publicity, room bookings and suggestion box; Arts, Science, Commerce and Partial Students' reps.-represent their respective departments on the ESA.

ELECTION SCHEDULE:

Nominations: Mon. Mar 11 - Fri. Mar. 15.

Campaigning: Mon Mar 18 - Fri. Mar 22

Voting: Mon Mar 25 - Fri Mar 29

Election Rally: Thur Mar 21, 8:30 p.m. General Common Room.

Voting Location: Main Entrance Lobby.

We know what became of some members of the 1957 Georgian cagers: They include (from left to right) Joe Gates, Les Robertson, Ralph Whims, Dick Mackay, President of Stiefel Canada Inc., Alexander Mikalachki, Associate Dean of Management at the University of Western Ontario, Roy Smith, Richard Freitag, an entomologist at Lakehead University, Harry Gordon, Jim McBride, Executive Director of the Canadian Bureau for International Education, and Michael Warren, President of Canada Post Corporation. The team's coach was former Dean of Students Magnus Flynn, who retired last year.

Here and There in 1956-57

Word has it there will be a big reunion 25 years from now, but if it's going to be a hit, I might as well get this off my chest now:

"A number of people have been after us to criticize the Alumni Association. What AlumniAssociation? Do we really have one, or is it merely composed of a few individuals who always wanted to form a fraternity while they were at Sir George?

"Actually Sir George does have such an association and some of the executive members are really hard workers. However, it looks as though graduates are about as interested in the affairs of their college after they graduate as they were while they were students. In short, they appear 99 and 44 one hundreths percent disinterested (sic). Let's not blame the Alumni Executive, but rather, the graduates themselves... We do not feel that the graduates of Sir George are as good a group as most people like to feel they are. But we shall join the honoured ranks ourself (sic) and perhaps will display the same degree of unenthusiasm. They say it is contagious." *(Georgian,* Oct. 23, 1956, Stu McEvoy's "Here and There").

Everyone is strident now and then, and college was certainly the place for strident activity, either in opposing visits of certain speakers, like the Soviet consul, Mr. Nobokov, or in hounding the opposing basketball team.

Sir George still hadn't put a football team together, but the basketball team came mighty close to taking the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference, only in the last seconds losing a heart-breaker to Carleton College.

And the dream became a reality. Sir George got its own college building, soon to become the Norris Building in honour of the ailing Dr. Norris who turned over the reins of principalship to Dr. Henry Hall that year. Doug Clarke, who taught English and Fine Arts, moved into the vice principal's office. Don Peets moved up to assistant dean under Bob Rae who had come in from Toronto.

The college played host to the annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students "who took over the entire floor of the college for five days of sessions dealing with problems of Canadian students." *Vistas 57* gives no word on what those problems were but giving up "an entire floor of the college" was the kind of contribution only Sir George could make.

Some other names to jog memories... Norm Smith, P.T.R. Pugsley, Herb Quinn, Claude Thompson, Walter Raudorf, Bob Fraser, J.W. Bridges, J.M. Honeyman, Sam Madras, Harold Potter... For more, check the reunion register and see what memories bob to the surface.

Welcome back.

Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams University
(Concordia University)

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner of the Class of '57

Saturday, October 16th, 1982 (8 p.m.)
Queen Elizabeth Hotel (Duluth and Mackenzie Rooms)

Welcoming Remarks — Stuart McEvoy

Introduction of Chancellor W. Earle McLaughlin — Stuart McEvoy
Remarks by Mr. McLaughlin
Thanks by Michael Warren

Introduction of Rector John O'Brien — Dr. Al Mikalachki
Remarks by Dr. O'Brien
Thanks to Dr. O'Brien — James McBride

Awards by Class of '57 to be made by John Swift to
Professor Rachel Wasserman
Professor James G. Finnie
Professor Jack Bordan

Fellowship Award Presentations to:
Ross Seaman
Hedley Dimock

Athletic Awards to be presented by Bob Gariepy to
Don Peets
Magnus Flynn

Closing Remarks — Stuart McEvoy

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